

at the historic Wisner-Rapp House, which was built in 1835 by Revolutionary War soldier Jacob Wisner.

The Charlestown Historical Society has supported the preservation, repair and stabilization of the Woolen Mill, which was established in 1725 and acquired by the Township in 2002. In 2011, the Society published a book entitled "Historical Sketches of Charlestown" which highlighted the historical roots of the Township. This book contains the original manuscript written in 1943 by resident Harman D. Rees and includes additional sketches and art by Charlestown Historical Society members and Township residents.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of its 40th anniversary, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Charlestown Historical Society, Chester County, Pennsylvania, for its contributions to exploring and maintaining the rich historical heritage of Charlestown Township.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,821,943,986.12. We've added \$6,111,944,895,073.10 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2013, I inadvertently missed rollcall vote No. 146, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 2013 the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company will celebrate their 150th anniversary at the New York City Public Library on 42nd Street. Originally founded in San Francisco, California in 1863 with a mission to assist the widows and orphans of fallen firefighters, the Fireman's Fund grew into a national company with significant size operations in New York City and other locations throughout the United States.

The Fireman's Fund has played an important role in New York's history with the company insuring, among other things, Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St Louis flight from New

York to Paris in 1927, the construction of the Radio City Music Hall during the 1930's and the World Heavyweight Championship Fight between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali in Madison Square Garden. More recent work of note has been the company's tremendous response efforts to the 9/11 World Trade Center Tragedies, and its excellent work in coming to the assistance of those who suffered damages to their homes and businesses during the 2012 Hurricane Sandy disaster.

Over the last eight years the Fireman's Fund Heritage Program has provided over \$30 million in grants to Fire Departments throughout the nation, allowing them to purchase safety equipment and training services that might otherwise have gone unattended during this difficult time of constrained public spending. Closer to home, the company has given \$630,000 to New York City and another \$1.2 million to the rest of New York State. Furthermore, on June 12, 2013 at a public ceremony, the Fireman's Fund will present checks awarded under the auspices of three of its major insurance agents that total more than \$60,000.

New York City has always played a prominent role in the United States and international insurance business, and we are pleased that the Fireman's Fund and its affiliated companies have chosen to be in lower Manhattan providing quality jobs and excellent risk management services to America's businesses and families.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Fireman's Fund today and we commend the company and its employees for the valuable services they continue to provide. In our transitory times, 150 years is an impressive feat and we extend best wishes for the continued success of the company. May it grow and prosper, bringing with it the company's generous legacy of assisting the Firefighter whose daily lives are dedicated to our own personal safety.

HONORING CAPTAIN DAN JOHNSON

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Dan Johnson on his installation as Post Commander of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn, Illinois. As a decorated veteran, a dedicated citizen, and a loyal patriot, Captain Johnson continues to serve his community and his tireless dedication deserves our recognition.

An active member of the United States Army since 1992, Captain Johnson has served in Iraq and Afghanistan, as a Platoon Leader and on Security Forces Assistance Advisor Teams. He has earned 17 awards, including the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Bronze Star.

Captain Johnson is a resident of Oak Lawn, Illinois, so I am especially proud to have such a committed serviceman from the 3rd Congressional District. I am confident that his leadership will be an asset to the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220, and thank him for his service and commitment to his fellow countrymen.

Today I stand and ask you to join me in honoring Captain Dan Johnson on his new po-

sition as Commander of Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM HANSEN'S RETIREMENT

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Jim Hansen, principal of Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California. Jim will be retiring this year after serving the East Bay as both a principal and a teacher for over three decades. I benefitted personally from his thoughtful leadership when I was a student at Wells Middle School during his time as principal there.

Jim was born and raised in the East Bay, where he attended St. Joseph's College High School. After high school, Jim worked his way through college where he held positions as a gardener, maintenance man, and many interesting jobs. He went to school at University of California, Berkeley, where he majored in history.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Jim took his first teaching job at St. Clement's School in Hayward, where he taught sixth grade science and physical education. While Jim was teaching at St. Clement's, he also coached the Pleasanton Valley swim team. Jim then began teaching at St. Elizabeth's school.

Jim transferred to Village High School in the Amador Valley Joint Union School District, teaching English to freshman and sophomore students. While teaching, Jim attended San Francisco State University, where he received his Master's degree in Education Technology. He later received his Administrative Services Credential from California State University, Hayward.

In 1988, Jim became the principal of Valley Continuation High School in Dublin, while also serving as vice principal for Wells Middle School. Jim has also served as principal at Dublin High School, Wells Middle School, Harvest Park Middle School, and, most recently, at Amador Valley High School.

Today, Jim resides in San Ramon, where he has lived with his wife, Judy and children, Kelly, Kevin, and Brian since 1986. Jim's service to the East Bay as both a teacher and administrator will be remembered for his openness and accessibility to both students and parents. I wish Jim the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGER

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the 60th anniversary of The Villager. Born to give neighborhoods in Saint Paul, Minnesota a voice, the Villager is a local newspaper dedicated to covering Highland Village and other neighborhoods. Since 1953, the Villager has served as an important source of news to its loyal readers. Today it continues